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TO : Chief, Services Division  
ATTN : Acting Chief, Trade Controls Branch  
THRU : Chief, Materials Division  
FROM : Chief, Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Branch

DATE: 24 May 1957

SUBJECT: Aluminum Production, Raw Materials, and Trade, USSR, 1956

REF : Memorandum from Acting Chief, D/S/TC to Chief, M/NF dated 7 January 1957

1. Forwarded herewith is this Branch's estimate of Soviet aluminum production, ore base, and trade. Although it was originally anticipated that more detailed discussion of sources and methodology would be included in the section on production, this discussion has been withheld pending its inclusion in a forthcoming IM.

2. It is not believed that the referenced IM will significantly alter the production estimates provided in the attached enclosure, but the substantial downward revision of the aluminum production figures by comparison with previous intelligence estimates requires that this matter be spelled out in some detail.

3. M/NF is aware that the trade picture leaves much to be desired, but it is believed that the expenditure of more effort on this aspect of the Soviet aluminum industry must necessarily be deferred in favor of attention to the production estimate.



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